GEN. LITTELL GOES TO THE RETIRED LIST

Officer Who Had Charge of Cantonments Construction Throughout the Country.

Brig. Gen. Isaac W. Littell, National Army, who had charge of construction of all the big Army cantonments, will be placed on the retired list in a few days, on his own application, with the rank of brigadier general in the Regular Army.

He is from New Jersey, and was graduated from the Military Academy in the class of 1883. After five years of service in the infantry arm, he was transferred to the Quartermaster Corps, in which he reached the grade of colonel in March, 1911.

Relieved by Lieut. Col. Marshall.

Gen. Littell already has been relieved in charge of the cantonment division by Lieut. Col. Marshall, who was taken into the Quartermaster Corps to assist in cantonment construction because of his practical experience in similar construction work in civil life. The cantonment division, which formerly was attached to the office of the quartermaster general of the Army, has been transferred to the office of the assistant secretary of war. Its future status will be that of a separate division of the general staff.

Will Double Hospital Capacity.

The department has arranged to double the capacity of base hospitals at all camps and cantonments. Studies are being made also of needs for additional cantonments.

It appears likely that several present National Guard camps will be made over after the divisions now training have been sent forward, and additional semi-permanent construction will be necessary to house troops next winter.

Cantacuzenes Arrive in America.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, February 19.—Prince Michel Cantacuzene of Russia and Princess Cantacuzene, the latter a daughter of the late Gen. F. D. Grant, have arrived here to make their home in the United States until after the war. Prince Michel served as commander of the personal guard of the emperor until he abdicated, and later was in command at Kiev until the control of the army was taken over by the bolsheviki and his army demobilized. He was then permitted to leave the country, going to Finland and then to Norway.

LITTLE STORIES for BEDTIME

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The Friend Who Warned Danny.

In times of danger those who usually are hardly on speaking terms unite against the common foe. Thus, no matter what private quarrels they may have, the little feathered people of the Green Meadows and the Green Forest warn each other the instant they discover danger. Often they warn their friends in fur as well.

It was a feathered friend who had warned Danny Meadow Mouse to look up and so had saved Danny's life. It was Chickoree the Goldfinch. Chickoree is one of those birds that manage to make a good living through the winter and so avoid the dangers of the long journey to the sunny Southland and back. Chickoree is quite as much interested in the weed-tops filled with seeds that show above the snow as is Danny Meadow Mouse, so he and Danny are well acquainted. It was a fortunate thing for Danny that Chickoree had come over to that part of the Green Meadows the first thing that morning instead of going over to the Green Forest for a breakfast of seeds from the birch trees, as he had thought of doing.

At the moment when he had seen Danny's danger Chickoree had been sitting in the top of a goldenrod quite close by. He had seen Roughleg the instant he had left the top of the lone tree, and, as Roughleg had headed straight in his direction, he wisely had kept perfectly still right where he was. He had seen Danny pop out of his little

SAFE IN THE DEAR OLD BRIER PATCH CHICKOREE TOLD PETER ALL ABOUT IT.

round doorway. In fact, that little round doorway had been almost under him. He had seen Roughleg seem to hang perfectly still in the air and he had known just what it meant. So he had warned Danny to look up and in the same instant he had made up his mind that that was no place for him, and had bounded away through the air.

Does that sound funny? Well, that is just the way Chickoree the Goldfinch flies. He goes in the air just as Jumper the Hare goes on the ground, up and down, up and down, in regular bounds. You can recognize Chickoree as far as you can see him just by his queer way of flying. Now Chickoree headed straight for the dear Old Brier Patch to seek safety among the brambles there. He had a feeling that Roughleg wouldn't be in the best of tempers, and that the best place for him would be where Roughleg couldn't get at him.

Chickoree was quite right. Roughleg was in anything but a good temper as he beat his way up in the air, shaking the snow from his claws as he went. Of course, he knew just how Danny Meadow Mouse had got warning. He had heard Chickoree and he had seen him leave the goldenrod top. Roughleg would have been angry anyway. There are some people who always become angry when they are disappointed, you know. But the knowledge that the disappointment was wholly due to Chickoree the Goldfinch quite doubled his anger. It was well for Chickoree that he was well on his way to the Brier Patch before Roughleg had a chance to chase him, and by then it was quite useless. Safe in the dear Old Brier Patch Chickoree told Peter Rabbit all about it.

"Good for you!" cried Peter heartily. "Only a few days ago Danny saved me from Roughleg and now you have saved him. However would we live if it were not for the friends we have?"

"We wouldn't," replied Chickoree dryly.

Of Interest to Women

IMPORTANCE OF COLOR IN FASHIONS

BY ANNE RITTENHOUSE.
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NEW YORK, February 18.—A letter from Paris says that the white collar has given way to a colored one. Gowns

BLOUSE OF BLUE AND WHITE CHECKED CHIFFON WITH ORGANDY COLLAR AND CUFFS, EDGED WITH RUFFLES OF VAL LACE.

of jersey, voile and serge carry broad, handkerchief collars of plaid gingham. Dark suits and one-piece frocks carry high, rolling collars and broad, gauntlet cuffs of blue, rose, lavender and yellow organdy, edged with filet lace or with the organdy itself.

The Gingham Collar.

The use of brilliantly striped and checked gingham for entire collars has met with approval in France, although it is still a question in abeyance over here.

The prophecy is that America will take to these collars with eagerness. We like gingham. Whenever we get a chance to wear it, we rush in and almost spoil it by overpopularity.

For those who do not like the all-gingham collars, there will be nainsook, organdy and heavy filet lace ones edged with broad bands of gingham.

In regard to shape there appears to be a boycott against the sailor collar. The flat, rollover collar is also second-class. What is known as the eton shape is in high fashion and the modified fichu is its rival.

Two seasons ago Paquin brought out the stiff, starched, white linen collar worn by the Eton schoolboys, finished in front with a black satin tie, and America has taken it up two years late, as if it were a new fashion.

Those who do not care for such severity at the neck prefer the same shape made in organdy, French nainsook and muslin, edged with frills of itself.

There are high, rolling collars that do not cling to the neck, but stand a bit away from it in a rather graceful manner. These are made of embroidered swiss with a deep edge of real val or filet lace, and there are boys' collars in every color of organdy, which have jabots attached to them and are worn with dark suits. Always with the collar go the cuffs.

The Colored Blouse.

France also shows the way in the use of a blouse that is not entirely white. We have had the colored, belted blouses for two years, and we have launched these with tailored ones of muslin and softer ones of filet lace; but the new blouse is of plaid chiffon woven in that thick quality which the French like and which wears better than muslin.

The sketch shows one of these French blouses in blue and white checked chiffon, with an eton collar of blue organdy edged with ruffles of val lace and finished with a jabot of both materials, which drops to the loose belt. The sleeves are small at the top, flare a bit at the elbow and are caught into cuffs of blue organdy, edged with lace ruffles.

There is not as much tendency to use the solid colored blouse in opposition to the coat and skirt as there is to play up the fabrics with a white foundation and a colored design.

The gingham and calico blouses that are worn on the outside of the skirt with a sash are only a makeshift for the mornings and for sports, but the coloring is repeated in voile and this tough chiffon for the best coat suits.

AMERICAN DELIVERS WAR ADDRESS IN ROME

La Guardia Stirs Audience, Answering Questions on Return From French Front—Others Present.

ROME, February 18.—Fiorella P. la Guardia, representative in Congress from New York and a captain in the American flying corps, delivered a stirring address on the war to an enthusiastic audience at the Theatre Argentina last night. The meeting was under the auspices of the Colonial Institute. It was the first meeting since the war began in which the doors of that organization were thrown open to the public.

Representative La Guardia had just returned from the French front and made his return the occasion for accepting the traditional "Roman challenge" to answer all questions regarding the war. His remarks took the form of an analysis of President Wilson's war messages, pointing out their perfect sequence in developing his original idea of achieving a really permanent peace—of conducting a war against war.

His words brought about an enthusiastic demonstration in favor of America amidst frantic cries of "Viva Wilson!" "Viva America!"

The meeting was presided over by Deputy Artom, president of the colonial institute. Those present included the mayor of Rome, Prince Prospero Colonna; members of the cabinet, senators and deputies; Maj. Ryan, commander of the American flying corps at Foggia; several American aviators, the entire staff of the American Red Cross in Rome and Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador, and the staff of the embassy.

FOR INDIAN HEAD ROAD.

Secretary Daniels Asks House to Appropriate $360,000 for Work.

An appropriation of $360,000 to build a railroad from Washington to the naval proving ground at Indian Head was asked of the House yesterday by Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

The item was included in supplemental estimates for the Navy sent to the Capitol by the Secretary.

Brussels Sprouts.

A good many persons who don't care for cabbage do like brussels sprouts. However, even devotees of this vegetable grow tired of it when it is served time and again just plain boiled. So vary your brussels sprouts' cooking repertoire by adopting some of the following recipes:

Brussels Sprouts Salad.—Boil a pint of brussels sprouts until they are tender. Drain them and sprinkle them with two teaspoons of lemon juice. Add equal parts—about a tablespoon each—of chopped olives, walnut meats, capers and onions. Arrange all on lettuce leaves and serve with mayonnaise.

Fried Brussels Sprouts.—Boil brussels sprouts until they are tender. Dip them in egg and fine crumbs, then fry them in deep hot fat.

With Tomato Sauce.—Boil brussels sprouts until tender, drain and serve with a thick, highly seasoned tomato sauce.

Fried Brussels Sprouts.—Have ready brussels sprouts that have been boiled until tender. Chop one onion and brown it lightly in a frying pan; in an ounce of butter. When it is golden brown remove it and add the brussels sprouts—a pint of them. Toss them for three minutes until they are done. Drain thoroughly and season with pepper and salt.

Fritters of Sprouts.—Boil brussels sprouts until tender, drain thoroughly and dip them in thick fritter batter. Fry until golden brown in deep fat. Drain and serve immediately.

Creamed Sprouts.—Over tender brussels sprouts that have been thoroughly drained pour a rich cream sauce well seasoned.

Au Gratin.—Boil brussels sprouts until tender and put them in a buttered baking dish. Pour a white sauce over them. Sprinkle with grated cheese and fine bread crumbs.

Scalloped Brussels Sprouts.—Boil brussels sprouts, mix them with a few soft bread crumbs and place in a baking dish. Cover with a white sauce and brown in the oven. For variety the cream sauce may be flavored with tomato.

Philipp Favors Lenroot for Senate.

MADISON, Wis., February 19.—Representative Irwin L. Lenroot of Superior has been declared by Gov. Philipp to be his choice for United States senator to succeed the late Senator Paul O. Husting, in event the legislature which meets in special session today gives him the power of appointment.

FASHIONS

The most comfortable of all neglige or boudoir garments is the one made to slip over the head, so that no fastenings are necessary. Such a garment may be more easily and quickly put on, and lounging garments retain their smart, shipshape appearance better if made to slip over the head rather than equipped with buttons.

The graceful neglige garment shown in the sketch is made with a plain straight skirt, gathered in at the waist where it joins the almost equally simple bodice section, an elastic band serving to hold the fullness in place, and make the slip-over feature possible. The sleeves are of the flowing kimono type. The garment, as will be noted,

GRACEFUL SLIP-OVER NEGLIGE GARMENT.

is equipped with pockets, and these are braided or embroidered in contrasting colors. The touch of embroidery is also continued about the neck of the garment, and as an outline for the little vestee.

The neglige proper may be developed in color, with vest of white. Any soft silk or satin would make a good selection, and if designed for warm weather wear this style design could be used for dotted swiss, organdy or voile.

The fancy for trousered lounging garments continues strong. If the one shown is made of silk or satin, Turkish trousers matching it may serve as the foundation.

The wise woman long ago learned that pretty and becoming neglige garments are absolutely necessary, and the old stereotyped kimono has little place in the up-to-date woman's wardrobe.

If desired, the neglige here shown could be made up of flowered chiffon or voile with trousers of plain color satin or silk, with pipings of the latter material serving as a decorative touch for the outer garment.

German Equal Suffrage Boosted.

COPENHAGEN, February 19.—The Berlin Tageblatt says that a majority has been obtained in the election reform committee of the Prussian diet for equal suffrage.

TO BUILD MORE DESTROYERS.

Navy Department Contracts for Number Not in Regular Program.

Contracts for a number of destroyers, in addition to those provided for in this year's great building program, have been placed by the Navy Department.

Secretary Daniels said that is made possible by the unparalleled speed with which the shipyards are turning out destroyers, making way for additional ones on their stocks. About a dozen new contracts already have been awarded, and it is understood others are to follow.

The exact number of destroyers now under construction never has been announced, but it is known to run into the hundreds.

BOARD TO STUDY SHIPS.

Secretary Daniels Announces Special Body to Investigate Non-Sinkables.

Secretary Daniels has announced a special board of officers, headed by Rear Admiral A. G. Winterhalter, to study the whole question of non-sinkable ships, with especial reference to construction installed on board the former Austrian steamer Lucia in effort to make her torpedo-proof. That construction is described as consisting of a series of "buoyancy boxes."

The board will include Capt. O. W. Coesar, Naval Constructors Robert Stocker and William G. Du Bose. One other officer is to be named.

It pays to read the want columns of The Star. Hundreds of situations are filled through them.

SHOWS LARGE INCREASE.

Indications of a 60 per cent increase in the sales of the Red Cross Christmas seals over last year is reported by officials of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, under whose auspices the sale was conducted throughout the country. This is said to be the biggest percentage of increase since the first years of the sale.

The sale this year will probably be close to 175,000,000; a total of 105,000,000 seals were sold last year. Of the states, Oklahoma so far leads in the proportionate growth of sales, with an increase of 1,400 per cent over 1916. In the state and city pennant races for the largest per capita sales in the various population classes all records are being broken, and it is impossible to predict at present where the banners will go.